



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



May 15, 2025

Confident in the Truth that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, the mission of Saint Joseph Regional School is to provide an education based upon the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and to instill in students God's greatest commands: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Dear SJRS Parents and Staff:

Some important reminders as we near the final weeks of school:

1. The playground gate is kept locked during the school day, for security reasons. We ask that all parents have students enter the school through one point of entry, the main door and proceed to the Morning Care area where they drop off their belongings and be supervised until going out to the playground before school begins. If arriving after morning time, the entry is still the main door. The gate can be unlocked by Extended Day staff to allow after school pick-up, but will be relocked for security reasons. Thank you to all families for your cooperation in keeping our campus secured.
2. We are looking at adding new lunch items for students for next year. On Thursday, May 22, we will offer "Breakfast for Lunch" from Fritz in downtown Keene. The meal is pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon OR sausage with butter and maple syrup included. The price is the same as our other lunch items, \$5, and parents can order through FACTS. We ask that orders be made by 3 pm on Tuesday, May 20. Enjoy!
3. The Knights of Columbus will be at school on Tuesday, May 20 at 9:00 am to host the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. Families are most welcome to join us. Students will provide patriotic music and will be shown flag etiquette by the Knights, and our school flag will be retired and replaced during the ceremony.
4. Our final Home and School meeting is coming up on Wednesday, May 21, 6:00-7:00 pm. The results of the parent satisfaction survey will be shared, and there will be a representative from the Education Freedom Accounts Program giving a presentation and answering questions about how to access state funds for educational needs of students. All parents are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

Congratulations to our wonderful musicians who did so well at our Spring Arts Showcases, and to the teachers who help bring out their talents: Mrs. Katrina Daugherty, Ms. Molly Fletcher, Mrs. Danielle Heeran, and Mr. Bob Thies.

Don't forget the reward: a dress down day tomorrow!

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington

JOHN 15:9-13

As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.
Remain in my love. If
you keep my
commandments, you

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon-Fri 5/5-5/16 -- i-Ready Testing

Fri 5/16 -- **Dress Down Day!**

Fri 5/16 -- Middle School Rock Paper Scissors
Tournament

Sun 5/18 -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm

Tues 5/20 -- Knights of Columbus Memorial Day

will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my
Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
"I have told you this so
that my joy may be in
you and your joy may be
complete. This is my
commandment: love one
another as I love you.
No one has greater love
than this, to lay down
one's life for one's
friends.

Flag Retirement Ceremony -- 9am
Wed 5/21 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am
Wed 5/21 -- Home & School Assoc. meeting -- 6-7pm -- Parish Hall (details below)
Thurs 5/22 -- Breakfast for Lunch! (details below)
Thurs 5/22 -- Ice Cream/Popsicle sales at lunch (details below)
Mon 5/26 -- Memorial Day -- NO SCHOOL
Tues 5/27 -- Diocesan Eucharistic Procession -- 9-10:30am
Tues 5/27 -- Final Chess Club meeting
Wed 5/28 -- No All-school Mass
Thurs 5/29 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am -- Ascension
Thurs 6/5 -- Baccalaureate Mass -- 9:30am
Thurs 6/5 -- 8th Grade Graduation -- 6pm -- Redfern Arts Center
Fri 6/6 -- Middle School Dance -- 6-8pm (Grades 6-8)
Thurs 6/12 -- Field Day/Last day of school! **HALF DAY**

[CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

2025-2026 School Year

First Day of School: August 25
Thanksgiving Break: November 26-28
Christmas Break: December 22-January 2
Winter Break: February 23-27
Easter Break: April 3 and April 6
Spring Break: April 27-May 1
Closing Day of School: June 17

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our next Home and School Association meeting will be **Wednesday, May 21, 6-7pm** in the St. Bernard's Parish Hall. All parents are welcome! Our Parent Satisfaction Survey results will be shared. Also, a staff member from the Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire will join us to discuss Education Freedom Accounts. For those who can not attend the meeting in person, a virtual option will be offered. We will send a Google Meet link via email to all parents next week.



SJRS/OLMA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We have compiled all information sent by parents for our new SJRS/OLMA Business Directory. We encourage the support of the businesses within our school communities! If you have questions or would like your business to be added to the directory, please email Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org). Please [CLICK HERE for the Business Directory](#).



BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH

On Thursday, May 22, we will offer "Breakfast for Lunch" from Fritz in downtown Keene. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon OR sausage with butter/maple syrup included. The price: \$5. Parents must order through Renweb/FACTS. The deadline to order is 3pm on Tuesday, May 20.



FUNDRAISER AT GRANITA ENOTECA

Making plans for graduation celebrations?
Consider **Granita Enoteca** and their delicious generosity. For every strawberry cheesecake sold in May ALL proceeds support St. Joseph Regional School.
THANK YOU to <https://granitakeene.com/>



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER AWARD NOMINEES

Each year, the Diocese of Manchester accepts nominations from parents, students, and other parish and school community members from throughout the Diocese for awards given at the annual Recognizing Excellence Awards Gala in June.

CONGRATULATIONS to our faculty and staff members who were nominated this year!



Saint John Baptiste de la Salle Teacher of the Year Nominees

Stephanie Johnson
Anthony Sully

Saint Joseph the Worker Nominees

Kate Pratt
Fr. Alan Tremblay

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award Nominees

Jen Marshall
Ann Szot



Some of our middle school students recently took the **Red Cross Babysitting Course** with SJRS parent Ida Daley. They are now prepared for the challenges of babysitting!



2025-2026 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

As we continue preparations for the 2025-26 school year, please carefully review all of the financial assistance information below. For those in need of financial assistance, the process includes multiple steps. The following steps, in this order, are required by all those applying for financial assistance:

1. Submit application for NH Education Freedom Accounts (new and renewals).
2. Submit application for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarship (renewals only).
3. Submit application for Diocese of Manchester Scholarships.
4. For Parish of the Holy Spirit families, apply to the Parish tuition assistance fund. Other Catholic families should contact their home parishes.
5. Submit FACTS application to be eligible for the Lamothe Adopt-a-Student Fund, Nielsen Scholarship Fund, and the Winnie Morenz Scholarship.

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (EFA)

The application is open for 2025-2026 for NH Education Freedom Accounts. **The deadline is July 15.**

1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
2. Your child must be at least 5 years old and no older than 20 years old and entering Kindergarten – 12th grade.
3. Your household income must not exceed 350% of the federal poverty level. (See income chart below.)

[CLICK HERE for details and to apply for the EFA program.](#)

EDUCATION TAX CREDIT (ETC) SCHOLARSHIPS

The application is open for RENEWALS for 2025-2026 for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarships.

[CLICK HERE for details.](#)

The EFA and ETC programs are administered by the **Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire**. The applications for both programs are simple and online. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to apply ASAP. Many of our families receive funding from these great programs. There is a combined application for the programs so that you may apply/renew for both at the same time, if you qualify for both. You may receive funding from BOTH programs, if

eligible.

350% 2025 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines	
Family Size	Annual income limit based on total annual 2024 income
2	\$74,025
3	\$93,275
4	\$112,525
5	\$131,775
6	\$151,025
7	\$170,275
8	\$189,525
For each additional person, add \$19,250	

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

Parish of the Holy Spirit families may apply for tuition assistance from the Parish. [CLICK HERE for the letter with details and application.](#) If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office directly at 603-352-3525 or holyspirit.peace@gmail.com. **The deadline is May 15.** For Catholic families who are members of other local parishes, you are encouraged to contact your parish directly to discuss possible financial assistance.

SCHOOL-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

After submitting the above applications, you may seek additional help through our school-based financial assistance (Lamothe Adopt-a-Student Fund, Nielsen Scholarship Fund, Winnie Morenz Scholarship). You must complete the FACTS application, and your eligibility will be reviewed. **The deadline is May 15.** [CLICK HERE to complete the FACTS application.](#)



We had a beautiful **May Crowning** with Fr. Peter at our all-school Mass yesterday!



SCENES FROM OUR SPRING ARTS SHOWCASES



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603/352-2720

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www.mercyacademykeene.org/admissions

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Kids Mixed Martial Arts

SUMMER CAMPS

Five days of fun, learning the basics of mixed martial arts! Kids age 4-14 will learn a combination of BJJ, Kickboxing, and Strength Training. No experience necessary!

***This is not a school sanctioned program**

Time: 9am-Noon

Dates:
June 23-27 (Ages 7-14)
July 14-18 (Ages 4-6)
July 28-August 1 (Ages 7-14)
August 4-8 (Ages 7-14)

ELEMENTS-MMA.COM/CAMP
310 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH 03431

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